

BEST PRACTICE CATALOG

Project Title: **HIV COUNSELING, TESTING AND TREATMENT**

Function Category: ☐ PATIENT-FOCUSED ☒ ORGANIZATION ☐ STRUCTURES

Subcategory: **Surveillance, Prevention & Control of Infection** Heading: **N/A**

Key Word(s): **HIV, Patient Education**

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Purpose: To educate patients about HIV, determine if they are infected, assist them in modifying their behavior to avoid acquisition or transmission of the virus, and provide state-of-the-art treatment if they are infected.

Brief Description: Since 1987, Patton has had a comprehensive program of patient education by HIV counselors, antibody testing, condom availability, and medical and biopsychosocial treatment. The latter has been reviewed in recent years by an interdisciplinary consultation team. The most effective medications are available. The program is coordinated and the HIV counselors are trained by the Public Health Office, which is in charge of infection control. Training and policy development have been assisted by preventive medicine resident physicians from Loma Linda University, who do 3-month rotations with Patton's public health office.

Selection Basis/Criteria:

The following items are available regarding this Best Practice:

☐ Photographs ☐ Video Tape ☐ Drawings ☐ Manual

☐ Other : _____

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